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## Off the Shelf:

An e-mail newsletter from the Prince William Public Library System

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### **Try Some Rewarding Reading for Adults**

Prince William Reads (which continues through March 31<sup>st</sup>) proves that children aren't the only ones who receive rewards for reading. Adults may read or listen to a book, and then drop off an entry form for each book at their local library. Weekly winners are picked from these submissions to receive a prize. At the end of the program, 4 grand prize winners are also rewarded with a nifty treat, all sponsored by the Friends of the Library. If you are thinking of participating, here are some readily available novels from the backlist you may enjoy:

*The Monk Downstairs* and *The Monk Upstairs* by Tim Farrington

*Last Night at the Lobster* by Stewart O'Nan (also available as an audio download on our website)

*The Last Time I Saw You* by Elizabeth Berg (also available in audio as a book on CD)

*Handling Sin* by Michael Malone

*The Tin Roof Blowdown* by James Lee Burke (also available as an audio on CD)

*A is for Alibi* by Sue Grafton (also available as an audio download on our website)

*The Book of Tomorrow* by Cecilia Ahern (also available as an audio download and a book on CD)

### **IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

One hundred and fifty years ago, on March 4, 1861, Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated as the President of the United States. As this year is the sesquicentennial of that event, there are many events being held nationwide in commemoration. Here in Prince William County, you can learn everything you need to know or ever wondered about Honest Abe by checking out biographies such as *Lincoln: a Photobiography* by Russell Freedman (winner of the Newbery Award; for ages 8 to 12) or *Abraham Lincoln* by noted biographer James McPherson (in 79 pages, he elucidates Lincoln's importance; for adults). You can also click on Electronic Resources on the library's homepage (<http://www.pwcv.gov/library>) and chose "Encyclopedia Americana". Searching Abraham Lincoln will take you to a useful and thorough article about the 16<sup>th</sup> President, as well as web links and other resources. Take a moment this month to cast your mind back 150 years and visualize the scene, which you can easily do once you've done some reading and research using these tools.

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